

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims priority to and incorporates by reference in its entirety, United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/325,776 ~~09/797,830~~, ~~entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING GENE EXPRESSION DATA"~~ filed on March 5, 2001, ~~in which application a Petition to Convert Nonprovisional Application to Provisional Application has been filed~~ and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/862,424, filed May 23, 2001, which claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/206,571, filed May 23, 2000.